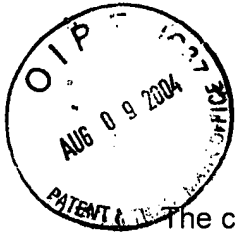


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According to the Examiner's comments, the applicant elects the species of claim 1. The claims directed to the species of claim 8 and the species of claim 34 have been canceled.

The applicant respectfully requests this case be passed to issue. If the Examiner believes that for any reason direct contact with applicant's attorney would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number below.

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